

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3128

To make it unlawful to send lobbying communications to Congress which are fraudulent.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1996

Mr. FLANAGAN (for himself and Mr. DINGELL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To make it unlawful to send lobbying communications to Congress which are fraudulent.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FRAUDULENT LOBBYING COMMUNICATIONS.**

4 (a) PROVISION.—Whoever—

5 (1) with the intent to influence action by a
6 House of Congress or any Member of Congress on
7 any nomination or legislation;

8 (2) engages in any conduct whereby a pur-
9 ported communication of the opinion of an identified
10 individual respecting such action is made to a Mem-

1 ber of Congress in any telegram, letter, or electronic
2 communication; and

3 (3) knows that such individual did not in fact
4 authorize such communication;

5 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$50,000.

6 For purposes of this section, the term “nomination or leg-
7 islation” means any nomination pending before the Senate
8 or any legislation being considered by either House of
9 Congress or a committee of either House of Congress.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
11 fect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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